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### **To The Men And Women Of The Active Duty Military:**

Ohio State Senator Steve Stivers of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ohio Senate District and Franklin County Treasurer Edward Leonard want you to know how Senate Bill 47, the Active Service Extension Act recently signed into law, can benefit you. This bill was sponsored by Senator Stivers, who himself has served on active duty with the Ohio National Guard. All military personnel on active duty are now entitled to more time to pay their real estate taxes or manufactured home taxes without penalties or interest. Military personnel who are on active duty pursuant to an executive order of the President, an act of Congress, or an order of the Governor may qualify for this benefit and have up to five years to pay their current taxes without penalty.

“I am pleased to be able to offer our courageous men and women even this one small token of appreciation for protecting America,” said Leonard, “and we are working hard to get the word out so they and their families can be made aware that they are eligible for this new benefit, thanks to the leadership of Senator Stivers and all of his colleagues in the General Assembly.”

According to the new law, either the person on active duty or his or her spouse or dependent parent may apply to the county treasurer for an extension of the payment of their taxes on real estate or manufactured homes. The benefit is applicable during the period of the person’s active duty and for six months after it terminates. The applicant must provide evidence satisfactory to the county treasurer to demonstrate eligibility for the extension.

The applicant will be asked to complete a one-page form (see attachment) and return it to Franklin County Treasurer Edward Leonard’s office for processing. For further information about the Military Assistance Program, please call (614) 462-3433. Applications can also be printed from the Treasurer’s web site at [www.co.franklin.oh.us/treasurer](http://www.co.franklin.oh.us/treasurer) or obtained from the Treasurer’s office.